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OF
SCOTLAND,

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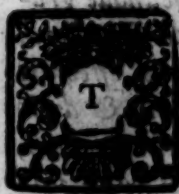
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Begun at *Edinburgh*, upon *Thursday* the 10th Day of
May 1739, and concluded the 22d Day of the said
 Month and Year.

I.

*The King's Commission to John Earl of
 Hyndford produced, and ordered to be
 recorded.*

At Edinburgh, 10th May, 1739.



THE General Assembly of this National Church
 being convened and constituted, there was
 produced to them by the Right Honourable
John Earl of Hyndford his Majesty's Commis-
 sion, sealed with the Seal appointed by the
 Treaty of Union to be kept and used in *Scot-*
land, in Place of the Great Seal of *Scotland*, making and con-
 stituting him his Majesty's High Commissioner and Repre-
 sentative in this Assembly; which Commission being publick-
 ly read with all due Honour and Respect, was appointed to
 be recorded in the Books of Assembly. The Tenor whereof
 follows, viz.

The Acts of the



GEORGIUS Dei gratia, Magnae Britanniae, Franciae & Hiberniae Rex, fidei defensor: Omnibus probis hominibus, ad quos praesentes litterae Nostrae pervenerint, salutem. Quandoquidem Nos considerantes, quod Generalis Ecclesiae Scoticae Conventus in decimum diem mensis Maii, proxime futuri, convenire ordinatus fuit: Nosque cupidi, & necessarium esse judicantes in commodum dictae Ecclesiae, ut idem Generalis Ecclesiae Conventus die statuto debite observetur, atque rebus magni momenti Nos alio vocantibus, dicto conventui personaliter interesse nequimus. Et per multa testimonia Nobis abunde satisfactum sit de sufficientia & fidelitate fidelissimi & dilectissimi Nostri consanguinei Joannis Comitis de Hyndford, quod ad summum munus, postea mentionatum, rite exercendum & obeundum, usquequaque sit instructus & idoneus: Noveritis igitur Nos nominasse, constituisse & ordinasse, sicuti Nos, tenore praesentium nominamus, constituimus & ordinamus antedictum Joannem Comitem de Hyndford, supremum Nostrum Commissarium ad effectum postea mentionatum, dando pariter & concedendo illi plenissimam Nostram Potestatem, Commissionem & Warrantum, sacram Nostram Personam, & auctoritatem regalem representandi; nec non, praesentiam Nostram supplendi, locum Nostrum in dicto subsequenti Generali Conventu, tanquam commissionario Nostro in hunc effectum specialiter constituto, tenendi. Omniaque alia ad imperium & munus commissionarii pro Generali Ecclesiae Conventu peragendi, tam plene, adeoque libere in quovis respectu quam quilibet alius ejusdem summi muneris fecerat, seu quovis tempore praeterito facere potuerat, & ac si Nos ipsi personaliter praesentes facere potuerimus. Quaeque omnia & singula a dicto Joanne Comite de Hyndford, in hac Nostra commissione prosequenda, legitime fecerit seu fieri ordinaverit, Nos firmiter approbamus, & habituri sumus. Omnibus & singulis insuper ante dictae Ecclesiae & Conventus pastoribus & presbyteris, caeterisque quibuscunque infra illam partem Magnae Britanniae Scotiam vocatam, subditis Nostri cujuscunque gradus seu qualitatis, ut dictum Joannem Comitem de Hyndford, tanquam supremum Nostrum commissionarium quoad effectum & modum supra mentionatum, revereantur, agnoscant, & dicto ipsius audientes se praebant stricte mandamus, & imperamus, atque hanc Nostram commissionem decimo die mensis Maii proxime incipere, ac deinceps hanc subsequenti sessione dicti Generalis Conventus in vigore continuare declaramus, vel usque dum a Nobis revocabitur & exonerabitur: In cuius rei testimonium sigillum Nostrum per Unionis tractatum custodiendum & in Scotia, vice & loco magni sigilli ejusdem utendum, ordinatum praesentibus appendi mandavimus. Apud aulam Nostram de St. James's, vigesimo quarto die mensis Maii, anno Domini mille

General Assembly, 1739.

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millesimo septingentesimo trigesimo nono, regnique Nostri anno duodecimo.

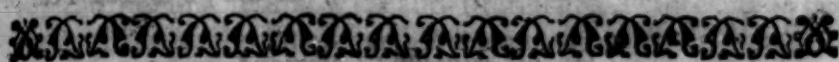
Per signaturam manu S. D. N. regis supra scriptam.

Seal'd at *Edinburgh* the 9th
Day of *May* One thousand
seven hundred and thirty
nine Years.

ARCH. CAMPBELL.

Written to the Seal, and re-
gifted the 9th Day of
May, One thousand seven
hundred and thirty nine
Years.

ALEX. CAMPBELL Dept.



II.

*The King's most gracious. LETTER to
the General Assembly, presented to them by
his Majesty's Commissioner.*

Edinburgh, May 10th, 1739, Sess. 1.

GEORGE R.



RIGHT Reverend and Well-beloved, We greet
you well. The many Instances which you have
given in your former Assemblies, of your Loyalty
and Affection to Our Person and Government,
as well as of your Zeal for the Advancement of
true Religion and Piety, have engaged Us most willingly to
countenance your present Meeting with Our Royal Authority
and Approbation, and to renew to you upon this Occasion
the Assurances of Our constant Resolution to support and
maintain the Church of *Scotland*, established by Law, in the
full Enjoyment of all its just Rights and Privileges.

As We make no Doubt but you come together at this Time
with the same good Dispositions and Intentions, you may de-
pend upon Our Protection and Assistance in whatever may
promote the Prosperity of the Church, of which you are
Members, and tend to the preventing the Growth of Po-
pery, and to the suppressing Vice and Immorality: And as
you must be sensible of the Importance of a perfect Agree-
ment and Union among yourselves, to the Success of your
Councils and Resolutions, We are fully persuaded your De-
bates will be conducted with that Prudence, Wisdom and Mo-
deration;

deration, as are becoming so Venerable an Assembly, and which must, above all Things, conduce to the attaining the good and desirable Ends for which you are convened, wherein you may be assured of Our Concurrence and Support.

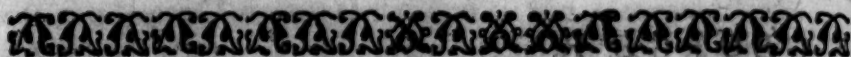
We have made Choice of Our Right Trusty and Entirely Beloved Cousin *John Earl of Hyndford* to represent Our Royal Person in this Assembly, whose Abilities and Zeal for Our Service, and affectionate Concern for the Prosperity of the Church of Scotland, will, We doubt not, make him very acceptable to you, and engage you to give him your best Assistance in bringing this your Meeting to a happy Conclusion. And so we bid you heartily farewell. Given at Our Court at St. James's the 24th Day of April, in the Twelfth Year of Our Reign.

By his Majesty's Command,

HOLIES NEWCASTLE.

Directed thus:

To the Right Reverend and Well-beloved, The Moderator, Ministers and Elders of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Church of Scotland.



III.

The General Assembly's Answer to the King's Most Gracious Letter.

Edinburgh, May 12th 1739. Sess. 3.

May it please Your Majesty,



OUR Gracious Letter to this Assembly was received with all the Honour and Respect that becomes loyal Subjects, greatly sensible of the Happiness they enjoy under Your good and wise Government.

The Notice Your Majesty is pleased to take of the Loyalty and good Affection of our former Assemblies to Your Person and Government, and their Zeal for the Advancement of true Religion and Piety, gives us the highest Satisfaction, and cannot but animate us to persevere in our inviolable Loyalty to your Majesty, and our most strenuous Endeavours to promote the

General Assembly.

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the great Interests You so warmly recommend to our Care, to which we are encouraged by the Countenance Your Majesty is pleased to give to our present Meeting, with Your Royal Authority and Approbation; and the Assurances of Your constant Resolution to support and maintain the Church of *Scotland* established by Law, in the full Enjoyment of all its just Rights and Privileges.

We should be unworthy of the Confidence Your Majesty is pleased to express of our coming together at this Time with the same good Dispositions and Intentions, were we not firmly resolved to use our utmost Endeavours for promoting the Prosperity of this Church, for preventing the Growth of Popery, and for suppressing Vice and Immorality, especially when we are so strongly encouraged by Your Royal Assurances, to depend upon Your Protection and Assistance, in whatever may tend to these valuable Ends.

As we are sensible of the Importance of a perfect Agreement and Union among ourselves, we are resolved, that, thro' the good Hand of our GOD upon us, our Debates shall be conducted with the Prudence, Wisdom and Moderation becoming such an Assembly, and necessary to the attaining the good and desirable Ends of our Meeting; and it is the greatest Satisfaction to us, to be assured of Your Royal Concurrence and Support.

The Choice Your Majesty has been pleased to make of the Earl of *Hyndford* to represent Your Royal Person in this Assembly, is highly acceptable to us: His Abilities and Zeal for Your Majesty's Service, and his affectionate Concern for our Prosperity, and the great and good Services done this Church by his pious Ancestors, cannot but endear Your Majesty's Choice of him to us, and lay us under the highest Obligations to give him all the Assistance in our Power, in bringing this our Meeting to a happy Conclusion.

Your Majesty's Donation this Year for the Reformation of the *Highlands* and *Islands*, we accept with all Thankfulness, as a new Instance of Your Majesty's pious Intentions to propagate the Knowledge of JESUS CHRIST in those Parts; it shall be our great Care so to dispose of this charitable Fund, as shall best answer the Purposes for which it is designed.

We beg Leave to take this first Opportunity, humbly to congratulate Your Majesty upon the late Increase of Your Royal Family, by which the Divine Providence has given these Nations an additional Security of having the Blessings of Your Majesty's Reign, and every Thing dear to us as Men and Protestants, transmitted to Posterity.

That GOD may eminently bless Your Majesty with all spiritual Blessings in CHRIST JESUS, and long preserve You to make us a happy People, and to be a Defence to all the reform-

ed Churches; That he may abundantly bless the Prince and Princess of *Wales*, and all the Branches of Your Royal Family, and after a long and happy Reign on Earth, that You may inherit an immortal Crown of Glory in Heaven, are the fervent Prayers of,

May it please Your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient, and most loyal Subjects,

Edinburgh, May 12. }
1739.

The Ministers and Elders met in the National Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Name, in our Presence, and at our Appointment by

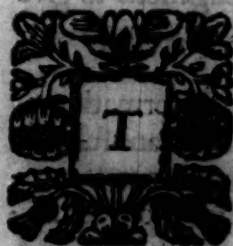
JAMES BANNATINE, Moderator.



IV.

*Act concerning the Ministers who have Se-
ceded from the Church.*

Edinburgh, 19th May, 1739. Sess. 9.



THE General Assembly, having considered the Libel drawn up by the Commission of the last Assembly, and executed in pursuance of an Act of the Assembly, against Messieurs Ebenezer Erskine at Stirling, William Wilson at Perth, Alexander Moncrief at Abernethy, James Fisher at Kinclaven, Ralph Erskine at Dumfermling, Thomas Mair at Orwell, Thomas Nairn at Abbotshall, and James Thomson at Burntisland, Ministers; together with the Appearance of the said Defenders before this Assembly: And that after the Moderator, in Name of the Assembly, had signified to them, "That tho' they were called here to answer to a Libel, the Assembly were very loath to be obliged to proceed upon it; and that if the said Defenders would now shew a Disposition to return to the Duty and Obe-

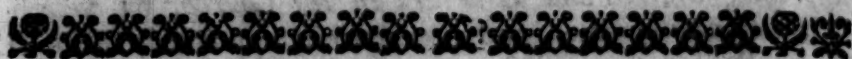
"Obedience they owe to this Church, the Assembly was ready to forgive all that was past, and to receive them with open Arms;" The said Defenders, instead of accepting, or being thankful for such Lenity, produced, and offered to read as their Answer, a Paper, entitled, *Act of the Associate Presbytery, finding and declaring; That the present Judicatories of this National Church are not lawful nor right constitute Courts of CHRIST; and declining all Authority, Power and Jurisdiction, that the said Judicatories may claim to themselves over the said Presbytery, or any of the Members thereof, or over any that are under their Inspection; and particularly declining the Authority of a General Assembly now met at Edinburgh the 10th of May 1739.* Upon which the Assembly caused the said Libel to be read, and then permitted the said Defenders, by the said Mr. Thomas Mair, who spoke as the Mouth of them all, to read the said Paper, and thereafter to give in the same, to which all the Defenders declared their Adherence; whereupon they were ordered to withdraw, after being directed by the Moderator to attend when they should be again called upon by the Assembly; and they having been this Day again called, and not comparing, the General Assembly found, and hereby find the said Libel *relevant to infer Deposition*; and do find the same also *proven* in its most material Articles, by the said Paper produced by them as aforesaid, and particularly finds it, by the said Paper, proved, That the said Defenders have *seceded and separated* from this Church, and have taken upon them to associate themselves into a Presbytery, and, as such, have framed and published, and do adhere to the pretended *Act, Declaration and Testimony*, libelled; wherein they endeavour to assign the Grounds of their unreasonable and irregular Conduct, and take upon them to condemn this Church, and the Judicatories thereof, for their Proceedings, and to cast many groundless and calumnious Reflections upon her and them. And further find, That the said Defenders, by the Paper given in to this Assembly, have had the unparallel'd Boldness to appear before the highest Judicatory of this Church, to which they had vowed Obedience, and, instead of answering for themselves as Pannels or Defenders at the Bar, pretended to appear as a *separate, independent, and constituted* Judicatory, and to read or pronounce an Act of theirs, condemning this Church, and the Judicatories thereof, upon several groundless Pretences, and to *decline* the Authority of the same; and that they have further, in presence of the Assembly, by their said Paper, taken upon them to speak in most injurious, disrespectful and insolent Terms, concerning the highest Civil Authority: THEREFORE the General Assembly DO FIND AND DECLARE, That the said Defenders, for the Offences so found relevant and proven,

ven, do justly merit the *highest Censures* of this Church, and particularly that of *Deposition*; BUT in respect that in this Assembly; before they proceeded to call the said Defenders, an Inclination had been exprest by several Members not to proceed to a final Sentence against them at this Time, but to forbear the same *yet another Year*, in order to give them a further Time to return to their Duty, and to render them *still more unexcuseable* if they should *persist* in their unwarrantable Separation; and tho' from their Behaviour at their Appearance, and the Paper given in by them, there is little Hope left of their being reclaimed to their Duty, but they seem determined to continue in their most unwarrantable and schismatical Courses, and as far as in them lies, to ruin and destroy the Interest of Religion in this Church, this Assembly have thought fit to *forbear inflicting the just Censure* upon them at this Time, and to *refer the same* to the next General Assembly, to which this Assembly do *earnestly recommend to inflict the Censure of Deposition*, without further Delay, upon such of the said Defenders as shall not, betwixt and that Time, either in Presence of the Commission to be named by this Assembly, or of the ensuing General Assembly, retract the said pretended Act and Declinature, and return to their Duty and Submission to this Church. And the Assembly further recommend to all the Members of this Assembly, and particularly such of them as shall be Members of the next Assembly, there to urge and insist for their Compliance with this Recommendation, which this Assembly cannot allow themselves to doubt will be granted, as it will *then be absolutely necessary* for the Interest and Credit of this Church, that the fore-said Censure be pronounced and *inflicted* against such of the said Defenders as shall then be persisting in their Separation. And in respect the said Defenders have not appeared, tho' called this Diet, the Assembly order their Commission to cause cite them again, to appear before the next Assembly, to abide the Judgment thereof, upon the said Libel, and the said Paper given in by the Defenders instead of an Answer; To which Assembly the said Libel and Process is hereby continued, and referred as above. And as to one of the Defenders Mr. *James Thomson* Minister at *Burntisland*, who was not contained in the Act of the last Assembly, the General Assembly, without determining on the Objection offered by his Parish to the Citation of him, did agree and resolve, That their Commission do cite him *de novo* to answer to the next Assembly for the Matters contained in the said Libel and Paper given in by him, and the other Defenders. And to the End, the like schismatical and divisive Courses, which have so much disturbed the Peace and Quiet of the Church and of the Country, and are so very contrary to serious Religion and Godliness, may be, for here-

hereafter, effectually discouraged and prevented, the General Assembly ordains all Presbyteries and Synods strictly to observe the Sixth Act of the Assembly 1708, intituled, *Act for suppressing Schisms and Disorders in the Church*, by which

“ It is strictly enjoined, and peremptorily appointed, That all
 “ the Presbyteries and Synods take particular Notice of all
 “ their Members, Preachers, or others under their Inspection, and if they find any Ministers or others to fall into
 “ Irregularities, or schismatical Courses, that they duly call
 “ them to an Account, and censure them according to the
 “ Merits of their Fault, even to Deposition of Ministers and
 “ Elders, and to apply to the Commission for their Advice,
 “ as they shall see Cause.” And, without derogating from the Generality thereof, the Assembly ordains all Presbyteries, to whom any Minister shall presume to give in a Secession or Separation from this Church, forthwith to give Notice thereof to the Moderator of the Commission of Assembly for the Time, and to instruct the Members of their Presbytery, who shall be Members of such Commission, to ask the Opinion and Direction of that Commission at their first Diet, after offering such Secessions, to the End, that if such Presbyteries cannot in the mean time prevail with the Brethren, who shall so presume to secede, to retract their Secession, such Brethren may be forthwith proceeded against, according to the above Act of Assembly; And what Opinions and Directions of the Commission for the Time, as Presbyteries shall receive, agreeable thereto, these Presbyteries are hereby strictly enjoined to follow the same; And in case any Presbytery, to whom such Secession or Separation shall be given in, shall fail in their Duty in the Premises, the Assembly **ORDAINS** the Synods, within whose Bounds they may lie, without Delay, to do therein, as they shall think fit, agreeable to the above Act of Assembly; And in case such Synods shall fail in their Duty, the Assembly **ORDAINS** the Commission to be appointed by this Assembly, to take such Matters into their own Cognizance: **AND** in all such Cases, the Presbyteries, Synods, or Commission, to be appointed by this Assembly respectively, if they cannot quickly reclaim such seceding Brethren, Are hereby ordained to proceed against them, by Way of Libel, to the Sentence of Deposition. And the Assembly **APPOINTS**, That a short State of the Proceedings of the Judicatories of this Church, with Relation to the foresaid Ministers, setting forth the gentle Methods used for reclaiming them, and their undutiful Behaviour to this Church, be drawn up by a Committee to be named for that Effect, and printed, and Copies thereof to be transmitted to each Presbytery; And that all the Ministers of this Church shall be careful to exhort the People, both publicly and privately, to guard

against all divisive Courses, and to keep the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace, as they would consult the true Interest of serious Religion, and the Quiet of their Country.



V.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders for discussing Affairs referred to them.

Edinburgh, May 22. 1739. Sess. ult.



THE General Assembly taking to their Consideration, that there are diverse Affairs which they cannot overtake, do hereby nominate, commissionate and appoint the Reverend Mr. *James Bannatyne* Minister at Edinburgh, their Moderator: And from the Presbytery of Air Mr. *William Paton* at Daily, Mr. *John Steel* at Stair, Mr. *James Stirling* at Munkton, Mr. *Patrick Wodrow* at Torbolton, Mr. *Robert Walker* at Straiton, Ministers; Colonel *William Dalrymple* of Glenmore, Mr. *James Boswell* of Affleck, and *Alexander* Earl of Marchmont for the Burgh of Air, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Irvine, Mr. *William M'Neight* at Irvine, Mr. *John Fullarton* at Dalray, Mr. *Laurence Hill* at Kilmarnock, Ministers; *John* Earl of Glasgow, *William Ralston* of Ralston, and Mr. *William Warner* of Ardeer for the Burgh of Irvine, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Paisly, Mr. *Robert Paton* at Renfrew, Mr. *Patrick Maxwell* at Inchinnan, Mr. *John Fleming* at Kilmalcolm, Ministers; Sir *John Maxwell* of Pollock, Bart. and Mr. *Archibald Campbell* of Eldersly for the Burgh of Renfrew, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Hamilton, Mr. *John Currie* at Old Munkland, Mr. *William M'Culloch* at Cambuslang, Mr. *David Orr* at Shotts, Ministers; Major *John Robertson* of Earnock, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Lanark, Mr. *Robert Gray* at Wistoun, Mr. *Charles Hunter* at Petinain, Mr. *Robert Davidson* at Crawfordjohn, Ministers; Mr. *James Bogle* Remembrancer in Exchequer, and Sir *James Lockhart* of Carstairs, Bart. for the Burgh of Lanark, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Glasgow, Mr. *John Hamilton* at Barony-Kirk, Mr. *William Craig* at Glasgow, Mr. *Neil Campbell* Principal of the College of Glasgow, Ministers; Mr. *Thomas Wallace* of Cairnhill, Mr. *George Bogle* of Daldowie for the University of Glasgow, *Laurence Dinwiddie* Baillie, for the City of Glasgow, and Mr. *John Munro* of Rose-bank for the Burgh of Rutherglen, Ruling Elders.

Elders. From the Presbytery of Dumbarton, Mr. *James Anderson* at Roseneath, Mr. *James Bain* at Killearn, Mr. *Andrew Gray* at Easter-Kilpatrick, Ministers; Mr. *James Smollet* of Bonhill Advocate, Mr. *George Smollet* of Ingliston, one of the Commissaries of Edinburgh for the Burgh of Dumbarton, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Dunoon, Mr. *William Campbell* at Kilmoddan, Mr. *Alexander M'Kay* at Kilfinnan, Ministers, Sir *James Campbell* of Ardkinglass, Bart. and *Archibald* Earl of Ilay, for the Burgh of Rothesay, and *Archibald Campbell* Captain of Dunoon, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Kintyre, Mr. *John Campbell* at Killarow in Ilay, Mr. *Charles Stuart* at Campbelton, Ministers; *Alexander M'Millan* of Dunmore, and *John Campbell* of Succoth, from the Burgh of Campbelton, and the Lord *Monzie*, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Inverary, Mr. *Alexander Campbell* at Inverary, Mr. *Archibald Lammie* at Kilmartine, Ministers; *Colin Campbell* Esq; one of the Commissioners of the Customs, and Captain *John Campbell* of Lymfield, for the Burgh of Inverary, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Lorn, Mr. *James Campbell* at Kilbranden, Mr. *James Campbell* at Kilmore, Ministers; *James Campbell* of St. German's, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Mull, Mr. *Lachlan Campbell* at Ardnamurchan, Mr. *Archibald M'Tavish* at Torraisy, Ministers; Sir *Duncan Campbell* of Lochnell, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dunkeld, Mr. *George Frier* at Lethandie, Mr. *John Hamilton* at Kenmore, Mr. *Alexander M'Laggan* at Little Dunkeld, Mr. *Thomas Man* at Dunkeld, Ministers; His Grace *James Duke* of Athole, and *Alexander Murray* of Ladywell, Esq; Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Perth, Mr. *James Mercer* at Aberdalgie, Mr. *Andrew Shaw* at St. Madois, Mr. *Alexander Mair* at Forteviot, Mr. *David Black* at Perth, Ministers; Mr. *Alexander Belches* of Innermay, and Mr. *Robert Craigie* of Glendoig Advocate, and *Patrick Cree* late Provost for the Burgh of Perth, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Stirling, Mr. *William Campbell* at Alva, Mr. *James Mackie* at St. Ninians, Mr. *William Aitken* at Larbert, Ministers; Sir *James Livingston* of Glentirran, Baronet, and *James Erskine* of Grange, Esquire, for the Burgh of Stirling, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Auchterarder, Mr. *Andrew Smith* at Duning, Mr. *William Hunter* at Gask, and Mr. *Aeneas Schaw* at Comrie, Ministers; *James Graham* of Damfide Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dumblane, Mr. *Michael Potter* at Kippen, Mr. *Finlay Fergusson* at Balquhiddy, Ministers, and *Francis Lord Napier* Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dumfermline, Mr. *John Gibb* at Cleish, Mr. *James Wardlaw* at Dumfermline, Mr. *John Geddes* at Culross, Ministers; Colonel *John Erskine* of Carnock, *George Turnbull* for the Burgh of Dumfermline, Captain

Charles Greig Shipmaster, for the Burgh of Inverkeithing, and Mr. Alexander Boswall Advocate, for the Burgh of Culrois, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Kirkcaldie, Mr. John Affleck at Auchterderran, Mr. Robert Balfour at Ballingrie, Mr. Alexander Adam at Kirkcaldie, Ministers; Mr. John Boswall of Balmuto, Doctor Robert Hay of Struie, for the Burgh of Kirkcaldie, and Mr. George Irvine of Newton for the Burgh of Dysart, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Coupar, Mr. John Stark at Logie, Mr. James Bruce at Creich, Mr. Thomas Kerr at Balmerino, Mr. Frederick Carmichael at Monymail, Ministers; Alexander Earl of Leven, James M'Gill of Rankeillour, Esquire, and James Lesly, Esquire, one of the Commissaries of Edinburgh, for the Burgh of Coupar, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of St. Andrews, Mr. James Hadow Principal of the New College of St. Andrews, Mr. John Ferrier at Largo, Mr. John Gellath at Forgan, Mr. James Smith at Newburn, Ministers; Doctor John Scot of Cotts Physician, and John Wilson Writer in St. Andrews, Ruling Elders; and Mr. Archibald Campbell Professor of Church History, for the University of St. Andrews. From the Presbytery of Meigle, Mr. James Gray at Kettins, Mr. Thomas Clephan at Newtild, Mr. Alexander Scot at Kingoldrum, Ministers; John Murray of Lintrose, Esquire, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Forfar, Mr. John Ogilvie at Tanadice, Mr. George Ogilvie at Kirrymuir, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Dundee, Mr. John Willis on at Dundee, Mr. James Monro there, Mr. Thomas Lawrie at Benvie, Ministers; John Donaldson of Inverrichty, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Aberbrothwick, Mr. William Hepburn at Inverkeillor, Mr. George Cruikshank at Aberbrothwick, Ministers; John Wallace late Provost of Aberbrothwick, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Brichan, Mr. James Muirison at Edzell, Mr. George Aitken at Montrose, and Mr. James Wemyss at Fern, Ministers; Baillie George Muirison Merchant in Montrose, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Fordon, Mr. James Douglas at Arbuthnot, Mr. David Burn at Fetteresso, Mr. James Walker at Dunnottar, Ministers; Robert Stuart late Provost of Aberdeen, and Mr. Alexander Arbuthnot of Knox, late Provost, for the Burgh of Bervie, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Aberdeen, Mr. Patrick Black at Peterculter, Mr. James Nicolson at Netherbapchory, Mr. George Chalmers Principal of the King's College at Aberdeen, Mr. Archibald Napier at Maryculter, Ministers; William Chalmers, Esquire, Provost of Aberdeen, and William Grant, Esquire, His Majesty's Solicitor, Ruling Elders; Mr. John Lumisden Professor of Divinity at Aberdeen, for the King's College there, and Mr. John Osburn Principal, for the Marischal College there. From the Presbytery of Kincardine-

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Oniel, Mr. *William Abell* at Lumfannan, Mr. *John M'Innes* at Crathie, Mr. *George Shepherd* at Tarland, Ministers, Sir *Arthur Forbes* of Craigievar, Baronet, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Alford, Mr. *Peter Reid* at Clatt, Mr. *Andrew More* at Towie, Mr. *Theodore Gordon* at Cabrach, Ministers, Sir *Archibald Grant* of Monymusk, Baronet, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Ellon, Mr. *James Burnet* at Ellon, Mr. *John Ross* at Logie, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Garrioch, Mr. *Robert Abercrombie* at Lesly, Mr. *William Watt* at Inverury, Mr. *James Strachan* at Kinkell, Ministers; the Lord *Drummore* Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Deer, Mr. *James Lesly* at St. Fergus, Mr. *William Taylor* at Newdeer, Ministers; the Lord *Strichen*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Turreff, Mr. *Thomas Scot* at Fivey, Mr. *William Johnston* at Montwhitter, Ministers; Mr. *David Bennerman* Preacher of the Gospel, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Fordice, Mr. *Alexander Irvine* at Fordice, Minister; Mr. *Charles Hope-Weir* of Cragiehall for the Burgh of Cullen, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Strathbogie, Mr. *John Scrogie* at Huntly, Mr. *Patrick Gordon* at Rhynie, Ministers; and *William Duff* of Crombie, Esquire, Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Aberlour, Mr. *Alexander Frazer* at Inneraven, Mr. *George Grant* at Boharm, Ministers; the Lord *Elchies* Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Abernethy, Mr. *William Blair* at Kingussie, Mr. *Francis Grant* at Duthill Ministers, *Lodovick Grant* younger of Grant, Esquire, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Elgin, Mr. *John Paterson* at St. Andrews, Mr. *Patrick Duncan* at Longbride, Ministers; *Ludovick Dunbar* of Westfield, Esquire, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Forreß, Mr. *John Squyre* at Forreß, Mr. *Daniel Munro* at Oldearn, Ministers; *James Brodie* of Whitehill, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Inverness, Mr. *James Lesly* at Moy, Mr. *John Campbell* at Daviot, Ministers; *Duncan Forbes* of Culloden, Esq; Lord President of the Court of Session, and *Gilbert Gordon* Merchant and Baillie, for the Burgh of Inverness, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Chanonry, Mr. *George Gordon* at Cromerty, Mr. *Hugh Campbell* at Killimuir-Wester, Ministers; *Alexander Gordon* of Ardoch, Esq; Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Tain, Mr. *Daniel Beton* at Rosekecn, Mr. *John M'Arthur* at Logie-easter, Ministers; *John Gordon* younger of Invergordon, Esq; Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Dingwal, Mr. *John Morison* at Urray, Mr. *Thomas Chisholm* at Kilmorack, Ministers; *Albert Munro* of Coul, Esquire, and Sir *Robert Munro* of Foulis, Baronet, for the Burgh of Dingwal, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Abertarph, Mr. *John Stuart* at Kilmanivaig, Mr. *Thomas Montfud* at Kilmaly, Ministers; *William*

William M'Dowal Baillie of Maryburgh, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Skye, Mr. *Archibald M'Queen* at Snizort, Mr. *Hugh M'Donald* at Slate, Ministers; *Donald M'Donald* of Cuidroch, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Longilland, Mr. *John Munro* at South-Uist, Mr. *Murdoch Morison* at Barfas, Ministers; *William M'Leod* of Hammir, Esquire, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Gairloch, Mr. *John Beton* at Glensheal, Mr. *Aeneas M'Aulay* at Gairloch, Ministers. From the Presbytery of Dornoch, Mr. *Robert Kirk* at Dornoch, Mr. *John Munro* at Rogart, Ministers; *Andrew M'Culloch* Baillie of Dornoch, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Tongue, Mr. *Walter Ross* at Tongue, Mr. *George Brodie* at Edrachillis, Ministers; *George Lord Reay*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Caithness, Mr. *James Oswald* at Dunnet, Mr. *James Brodie* at Latheron, Ministers; the Lord *Murkle*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Kirkwall, Mr. *Edward Irvine* at Kirkwall, Mr. *William Mair* at Holm, Ministers; *James Earl* of Morton, and Baillie *Thomas Jamison* Ship-master, for the Burgh of Kirkwall, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Cairnston, Mr. *James Weir* at Orphir, Mr. *Alexander Geddes* at Birsay, Ministers. From the Presbytery of North-Isles, Mr. *Alexander Nisbet* at Shapinsay, Mr. *Thomas Coventrie* at Sanday, Ministers; *Jerom Dennison* of Noutland, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Zetland, Mr. *Matthew Moncrief* at Bressay, Mr. *William Archibald* at Uist, Ministers; Captain *James Craigie* Ship-master, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Edinburgh, Mr. *John Schaw* at South Leith, Mr. *Matthew Wood* at Edinburgh, Mr. *John Walker* at Canongate, Mr. *Patrick Cuming* at Edinburgh, Mr. *James Stevenson* at South Leith, and Mr. *George Logan* at Edinburgh, Ministers; Mr. *Thomas Rig* of Morton Advocate, Baillie *Alexander Blackwood* Merchant, and *John Keir*, late Conveener of the Trades of Edinburgh, Ruling Elders; *George Halyburton* Dean of Guild of Edinburgh, and *William Mitchel* Surgeon, present Deacon Conveener of the Trades there, for the City of Edinburgh; Mr. *William Wishart* Principal, for the University of Edinburgh; Mr. *James Yair* Minister, *Archibald M'Aulay*, Esquire, Lord Conservator of the Scots Privileges at Campvere, for the Church there. From the Presbytery of Linlithgow, Mr. *John Wilkie* at Uphall, Mr. *James Reid* at Queensferry, Mr. *James Nasmyth* at Dalmeny, Mr. *Robert Hunter* at Livingston, Ministers; *David Earl* of Buchan, and *Alexander Gilon* of Wallhouse, Ruling Elders; and Mr. *Robert Ramsay* of Blackcraig Advocate, for the Burgh of Linlithgow; and *George Dundas* of Dundas, for the Burgh of Queensferry, and *James Lord Torphichen*, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Biggar, Mr. *David Blenshal* at Lamington, and

and Mr. *Patrick Hepburn* at Wals-ton, Ministers; Mr. *John Dickson* younger of Kilbucho Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Peebles, Mr. *John Hay* at Peebles, Mr. *William Wallace* at Drummellior, and Mr. *John Baird* at Stobo, Ministers; *James Nasmyth* of Earlshaugh, Ruling Elder, and the Lord *Arniston* for the Burgh of Peebles. From the Presbytery of Dalkeith, Mr. *David Lindsay* at Cockpen, Mr. *James Paton* at Carington, and Mr. *William Smith* at Cranston, Ministers; *Robert Dundas* younger of Arniston, Esquire, Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Haddington, Mr. *Andrew Dickson* at Aberlady, Mr. *William Carlisle* at Preston-Pans, and Mr. *Edward Steedman* at Haddington, Ministers; *Charles Cockburn*, Esquire, Advocate, Ruling Elder, *John Marquis* of Tweddale, for the Burgh of Haddington, and Sir *Hugh Hamilton-Dalrymple* for the Burgh of North Berwick. From the Presbytery of Dunbar, Mr. *John Hamilton* at Stenton, Mr. *George Home* at Whitinghame, Ministers; Mr. *Thomas Hamilton* Advocate, Ruling Elder, and *Alexander Hamilton* of Pencaitland, Esquire, for the Burgh of Dunbar. From the Presbytery of Dunfermline, Mr. *Matthew Sandilands-Dysart* at Eccles, Mr. *Robert Monteith* at Longformacus, Ministers; and *William Earl of Home*, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Chirnside, Mr. *Thomas Anderson* at Ayton, Mr. *Robert Waugh* at Hutton, and Mr. *James Allan* at Eymouth, Ministers; Mr. *James Home* Writer to the Signet, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Kelso, Mr. *James Ramsay* at Kelso, and Mr. *Charles Baxter* at Sproustoun, Ministers; Mr. *Charles Binning* of Pilmore Advocate, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Jedburgh, Mr. *Robert Rickleton* at Habkirk, Mr. *George Elliot* at Hownam, and Mr. *William Somervell* at Hawick, Ministers; *William Scot* of Whithaugh, the Lord *Cranston*, the Lord *Minto*, and *Archibald Douglas* of Cavers, Esquire, for the Burgh of Jedburgh, Ruling Elders. From the Presbytery of Erskilton, Mr. *David Duncan* at Stow, and Mr. *James Lindsay* at Lauder, Ministers; Mr. *Robert Kennedy* of Greenknow, and *John Edgar* of Wedderly, Ruling Elders; *Charles Earl of Lauderdale*, for the Burgh of Lauder. From the Presbytery of Selkirk, Mr. *David Brown* at Selkirk, Mr. *Thomas Boston* at Etterick, Ministers; Mr. *Andrew Ker* of Kippilaw, Ruling Elder, and *Gideon Schaw* of Lawriston, for the Burgh of Selkirk. From the Presbytery of Middlebee, Mr. *Thomas Howie* at Annan, Mr. *David Balmain* at Wester-kirk, Ministers; *John Johnston* of Gutterbrae, Esquire, Provost of Annan, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Lochmaben, Mr. *James M'Euen* at Moffat, Mr. *William Young* at Hutton, and Mr. *William Cunningham* at Moufswall, Ministers; Sir *John Clark* of Pennycook, Baronet, one of the Barons of Exchequer, Ruling Elder.

der, and *William Kilpatrick* of Elliesland, Esq; Advocate, for the Burgh of Lochmaben. From the Presbytery of Penpont, Mr. *Alexander Bain* at Keir, and Mr. *John Collow* at Penpont, Ministers; Mr. *William Collow* of Achinchain, Ruling Elder, and Mr. *Patrick Boyle* Advocate, for the Burgh of Sanquhar. From the Presbytery of Dumfries, Mr. *James Guthrie* at Iron-gray, Mr. *Edward Buncle* at Kirkmahoe, and Mr. *James Purfel* at Troquire, Ministers; *Charles Erskine* of Tinwald, Esq; Lord Advocate, Ruling Elder, Mr. *Joseph Currie* for the Burgh of Dumfries. From the Presbytery of Kirkcudbright, Mr. *William M'Ghie* at Balmaghie, Mr. *John M'Neight* at Buttle, and Mr. *Andrew Boyd* at Twinham, Ministers; Colonel *William Maxwell* of Cardonefs, Ruling Elder. From the Presbytery of Wigton, Mr. *William Cowpar* at Mochrum, Mr. *Samuel Brown* at Kirkmabrick, Ministers; Doctor *Alexander Martine* of Airies Ruling Elder, and *John M'Gowan* Writer to the Signet, for the Burgh of Wigton and Baillie *Hugh Hathorn* Merchant, for the Burgh of Whitbourn. From the Presbytery of Stranrawer, Mr. *Hamilton Kennedy* at Ballantrae, Mr. *Alexander Henderson* at Portpatrick, Ministers; Mr. *Andrew M'Dowal* Advocate, Ruling Elder, and Mr. *Hugh Murray-Kynnymound* of Melgum, Advocate for the Burgh of Stranrawer, to be Commissioners of this General Assembly, to the Effects after-mentioned, with Power to the said Commissioners, or their *Quorum*, which is hereby declared to be any Thirty one of the said Commissioners, whereof Twenty one are always to be Ministers, to meet and convene within the Assembly-house at *Edinburgh*, the first free Day after the Dissolution of this Assembly, at Ten o'Clock Forenoon, and afterwards the second *Wednesdays* of *August*, *November* and *March* next to come, and oftner, when and where they shall think fit and convenient, with Power to the said Commissioners to chuse their own Moderator; And likewise the General Assembly fully impowers their said Commissioners, or their *Quorum* above-mentioned, to cognoice and finally determine, as they shall see Cause, in every Matter referred, or that shall be referred to them, by any Act or Order of this Assembly, and to do every Thing contained in, and conform to the Instructions given, or to be given by this Assembly; and to advert to the Interest of the Church on every Occasion, that the Church and present Establishment thereof do not suffer, or sustain any Prejudice which they can prevent, as they will be answerable; providing always, that this general Clause be not extended to particular Affairs, or Processes before Synods or Presbyteries, that are not of universal Concern to, or Influence upon the whole Church: And it is hereby appointed, that no private Processes be determined, except at the four stated Diets; and what shall be determined

determined at one Diet of the Commission, with Relation to private Causes, shall be unalterable by any other Diet thereof, and shall stand and continue in Force till disapproved by the General Assembly. And the General Assembly renews the Instructions, given by the General Assembly in the Year 1717 to their Commission, and appoints the same to stand in full Force, as Instructions to the Commissioners above-named, and to be observed by them in all Points, as if the same were specially here insert; and that they enquire into the publishing and spreading of Books and Pamphlets, tending towards the promoting of Opinions, of whatever Kind, inconsistent with our Confession of Faith; and that the Recommenders of such Books or Pamphlets, or the Errors therein contained, whether by Word, Writ or Print, be called before the said Commission, to answer for the same. And further, the said Commission is hereby empowered to receive any References and Appeals that shall be made to them from Synods in Matters of Doctrine, and ripen such Affairs for the General Assembly; likewise to take Care that the Impressions of the Holy Scriptures, the Confession of Faith and Catechisms, and such Books as are authorized by this Church, relating to the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government thereof, be correct, and give Directions about printing the same. And the said Commission are empowered to keep a Correspondence with the Committee for Reformation of the *Higblands* and *Islands*, for suppressing Popery and Superstition, and for promoting of the Knowledge of true Religion, and carrying on a Reformation in these Parts, and give Assistance and Concurrence therein, and, if Need be, to apply to the Government for a proper Remedy and speedy Redress: And the said Commissioners are hereby strictly prohibited and discharged to meddle in any other Matters than what are committed and referred to them as above-mentioned; and in all their Actings they are to proceed according to the Acts and Constitutions of this Church, and to do nothing contrary thereto, or to the Prejudice of the same; Declaring, that in, and for all their Actings, they shall be accountable to and censurable by the next General Assembly, as they shall see Cause: And this Commission is to continue and endure untill another Commission be appointed; and Members are required to attend the Diets of the said Commission, and Absents therefrom ordered to be noticed, according to the 17th Act of the General Assembly, in the Year 1706; and for the better securing of a *Quorum*, and Attendance of Members on the Commission, the General Assembly prohibits the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, or any other Presbytery within twelve Miles thereof, to meet any of the Days or Weeks appointed for the Meeting of this Commission, and such of the Members of these Presbyteries as are on the Com-

mission, are required all of them to give Attendance on the Diets thereof; and the Presbyteries at a greater Distance, who have four or more Members on the Commission, are to take Care that at least two of them attend each Diet of the same. And the Assembly recommend to their Commission, at their first Meeting, to discuss as many of the Causes and Questions relative to the Settlement of vacant Churches, which are, or shall be referred to them by the Assembly, as they can overtake. And it is further provided, That when any Presbytery or Synod of this Church shall decline to comply with the Sentences of the Commission, or to give the same a full Execution, in that Case the Commission is hereby prohibited to execute the same, by appointing any such correspondent Meetings as has been the Practice of late, but shall allow the same to lie over to the ensuing Assembly, to which such Presbyteries or Synods shall be answerable for such their Conduct; and are hereby appointed to send up with their Commissioners their Reasons for the same. And the Assembly do further impower and direct the said Commission to make due Application to the King and Parliament for Redress of the Grievance of Patronage, in Case a favourable Opportunity for so doing occur during the Subsistence of this Commission. And the General Assembly do enjoin their Commission, that in passing their Sentences, and in ordering the Execution of the same, they strictly observe the 12th Act of Assembly 1736.



VI.

Commission to some Ministers and Ruling Elders for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands, and for managing his Majesty's Royal Bounty for that End.

Edinburgh, May 22. 1739 Sess. ult.



THE General Assembly do hereby nominate, commissionate and appoint the Reverend Mr. *James Bannatyne* Minister of the Gospel at Edinburgh, their Moderator, Messieurs *Neil Campbell*, Principal of the College of Glasgow, *John Gowdie* Professor of Divinity in the College of Edinburgh, *William Guthart* at Edinburgh, *John Matthison* there, *Robert Bell* at Crealine, *John Lumisden*

den Professor of Divinity in the King's College at Aberdeen,
 his Majesty's Chaplains, *Neil M'Vicar* at West-Kirk of Edin-
 burgh, his Majesty's Almoner, *John Currie* at Old Munkland,
James Campbell at Kilbranden, *John Campbell* in Islay, *James*
Mercer at Aberdalgie, *Andrew Schaw* at St. Madois, *Michael*
Potter at Kippen, *James Hadow* Principal of the New Col-
 lege in St. Andrews, *James Smith* at Newburn, *James Walker*
 at Dunnottar, *John M'Innes* at Crathie, *John Scrogie* at
 Huntly, *George Gordon* at Cromerty, *John Stuart* at Kilmani-
 vaig, *Archibald M'Queen* at Snizort, *John Munro* at South-
 uist, *James Oswald* at Dunnet, *Edward Irvine* at Kirkwall,
Matthew Moncrief at Bressay in Zetland, *John Schaw* at
 South Leith, *Matthew Wood* at Edinburgh, *John Walker* in
 Canongate, *Patrick Cuming* at Edinburgh, *James Steven-*
son at South Leith, *William Wisbart* Principal of the Col-
 lege of Edinburgh, *James Nasmyth* at Dalmenie, *David*
Blenshal at Lamington, *John Hay* at Peebles, *James Pa-*
ton at Carington, *William Carlyle* at Preston-Pans, *Andrew*
Dickson at Aberladies, *John Hamilton* at Stenton, *Robert Mon-*
teith at Longformacus, *James Ramsay* at Kelso, *James*
M'Euen at Moffat, *Edward Buncle* at Kirkmahoe, *Samuel*
Brown at Kirkmabrick, *Samuel Semple* at Liberton, *John*
Thurburn at Kirknewton, *James Walker* at Canongate, *James*
Nisbet at Edinburgh, *John Guthrie* at Ratho, *David M'Colm*
 at Duddingston, *George Logan* at Edinburgh, *George Fordice*
 at Corstorphin, *William Robertson* at Edinburgh, *Robert Kin-*
loch there, *John Hepburn* there, *John Glen* there, *John Spark*
 at Currie, *Thomas Pitcairn* at West-Kirk, *Robert Wallace*
 at Edinburgh, *George Wisbart* there, *George Lindsay* at North
 Leith, *Robert Hamilton* at Edinburgh, *George Gibson* at Col-
 lington, *Alexander Webster* at Edinburgh, *Gilbert Hamilton*
 at Cramond, and *James Glasgow* at Edinburgh Castle, Mini-
 sters; His Grace *James Duke of Athole*, the Most Honour-
 able *John Marquis of Tweeddale*, the Right Honourable *James*
 Earl of Morton, *David Earl of Buchan*, *Alexander Earl of*
Leven, *John Earl of Glasgow*, *Archibald Earl of Islay*, *George*
Lord Reay, *Duncan Forbes* Lord President of the Court of Session,
Charles Areskine of Tinwald, Esq; his Majesty's Advocate, the
 Lord *Drumore*, the Lord *Monzie*, the Lord *Elchies*, the
 Lord *Arniston*, Baron Clerk, *William Grant*, Esquire, his Ma-
 jesty's Solicitor, *James Erskine* of Grange, Esquire, *Archi-*
bald M'Aulay Conservator of the Scots Priveleges at Campvere,
 Colonel *John Erskine* of Carnock, Sir *Robert Munro* of Fowlis,
 Baronet, Sir *James Campbell* of Ardkinglass, Baronet, Sir *James*
Campbell of Aberuchil, Bart. *George Haliburton* Dean of Guild
 of Edinburgh, *Alexander Gordon* of Ardoch, Esquire, *Albert*
Munro of Coull, Esquire, *George Drummond*, Esquire, late
 Lord Provost of Edinburgh, *Thomas Dundas* of Fingask, E-
 squire,

squire, *Charles Hope*, and *Hugh Hatborn* Merchants, late Baillies of Edinburgh, *Mr. James Baillie* of Hardington Writer to the Signet, *George Buchan* of Cumlage, Doctor *John Riddell* of Granton, Physician in Edinburgh, *Mr. Thomas Rigg* of Morton Advocate, *James Nimmo* Cashier of his Majesty's Excise, *Mr. James Davidson* of Haltree, Treasurer to the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge, *Mr. Alexander Nisbet* of Northfield, *William Mitchel* Surgeon, present Deacon Conveener of the Trades in Edinburgh, *James Nasmyth* of Earlsbaugh, *Mr. Patrick Haldane* of Bear-Crofts, Advocate, *Charles Cockburn*, Esquire, *Mr. Andrew M'Dowal* Advocate, *Mr. Robert Dundas* younger of Arniston, Advocate, *Mr. Alexander M'Millan* of Dunmore, *Colin Campbell*, Esq; one of the Commissioners of his Majesty's Customs, *James Campbell* of St. Germans, Esq; Sir *James Livingston* of Glentirran, Baronet, and *Nicol Spence* Agent for the Church of Scotland, Ruling Elders; To be a Committee of this Assembly for Reformation of the Highlands and Islands of Scotland, for promoting the Knowledge of true Religion, suppressing of Popery and Profanity, and for managing of the Royal Bounty given for these Ends, according to, and in Terms of his Majesty's Grant to this Assembly, and the 6th Act of the late Assembly, and whole Acts therein-mentioned; and in Acts formerly made and referred to in the Commissions granted to former Committees; any seven of the Persons above-named are declared to be a *Quorum*, whereof some to be Ministers; but it is hereby appointed, that at the quarterly Meeting of the said Committee, to be held after the rising of the Commission in *August* next, when the Scheme or Establishment of Missionaries for the Year ensuing shall be approved and determined, nine Ministers and five Ruling Elders at least shall be the *Quorum*: And the said Committee are appointed to have their Meetings at *Edinburgh*, in the Hall of the Society in *Scotland* for propagating Christian Knowledge, the last *Thursday* of every Month, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, and also the first lawful Day after the Adjournment of the four stated Meetings of the Commission of the General Assembly, at 10 o'Clock Forenoon, except when it falls to be on *Friday* or *Saturday*, and then the Meeting is to be on the *Monday* following next thereafter, at the said Hour, with Power to the said Committee to adjourn themselves to such Times and Places, as they shall find most convenient and needful; and they are to keep a Correspondence with the Commission of the General Assembly, and the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge, and their Committee of Directors, and take their Advice and Assistance. And the General Assembly do by these Presents nominate the said *Mr. William Grant* Advocate, his Majesty's Solicitor, and Procurator for the

the Church, to be Receiver of the foresaid Royal Bounty, and to pay out the same as he shall be directed and ordered by the said Committee, and according to their Rules: And the said Committee are appointed to examine the Accounts of the Distribution of the said Royal Bounty, and lay the same before the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, or Barons of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer, and to report their Diligence to the General Assembly, to whom they are to be accountable. And 'tis agreed, that no Person once employed and insert in the Scheme shall be struck out thereof for that Year, but by the *Quorum* of, at least, Nine Ministers and Five Ruling Elders; and in Case any Complaint shall be made against any of them on the Scheme, it shall not be determined at the first ordinary Meeting that the same is offered, but shall ly on the Table till another Meeting, and in the mean Time the Person complained of, and the Presbytery of the Bounds wherein he officiates, shall be acquainted of such a Complaint, and these concerned be required to send to the said Committee a just Account of the Matter against the said next Meeting. And it is further appointed, That after the yearly Scheme of Missionaries on the Royal Bounty, in Manner above directed, and Notice thereof given by Letters to the Presbyteries concerned, such Presbyteries shall send up to the said Committee their Answers to these Letters at furthest with their Commissioners to the General Assembly, if the same be not got done sooner; and the Committee, at their Meeting in *May* shall name a Sub-committee of their Number for preparing the next Year's Scheme, who are to lay their Draught thereof before the said Meeting, immediately after the Commission in *August*.

VII.

*Act appointing the Diet of the next General Assembly.**Edinburgh, May 22. 1739. Sess. ult.*

HE next General Assembly of this National Church is appointed to be held in this Place upon the second *Thursday* of *May* next, being the ninth Day of that Month, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and forty.

The General Assembly was concluded with Prayer, and singing the cxxii Psalm from the 6th Verse to the Close, and pronouncing the Blessing.

Collected and Extracted from the Records of the General Assembly, by

WILLIAM GRANT, Clk. Eccl. Scot.



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of this Assembly, insinuating into the Records of Absence,
A Committee for reviving Commissions given to the Ministers
Gracious Letter. Ibid.